

**CORPUS CHRISTI METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE (TPC) MEETING MINUTES**

**March 4, 2021**

**1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Quorum Determination**

TPC Chair Judge Krebs called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. at the City of Corpus Christi Council Chambers.

TPC Members Present:

Judge David Krebs, Chair, San Patricio County  
Mayor Cathy Skurow, City of Portland  
Mayor Paulette M. Guajardo, City of Corpus Christi  
Mr. Valente Olivarez, Jr., Texas Department of Transportation Corpus Christi District  
Mr. Charles Zahn, Jr. Vice Chair, Port of Corpus Christi Authority (via phone)

MPO Staff Present: Rob MacDonald, P.E.; Craig Casper, AICP; Victor Mendieta; and Yoshiko Boulan

**2. Public Comments for items not on the Agenda**

There were no public comments submitted for agenda or non-agenda items as of March 4, 2021 at 2:06 p.m.

**3. Approval of the February 5, 2021, Transportation Policy Committee meeting minutes**

Mayor Skurow made a motion to approve the February 5, 2021 TPC Meeting Minutes. Mr. Olivarez seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**

**A. FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 1**

Mr. MacDonald updated the TPC members on the TAC recommended amendments on the FY 2021-2024 TIP:

1. All technical corrections presented at the February 5<sup>th</sup> TPC meeting were made.
2. SH 286 (Category 2: \$46.29 million), PR 22 (Category 2: \$19.20 million), SH 361 (Category 2: \$46.20 million), and SH 35 (Category 4U: \$45.60 million) projects are rescheduled to later years and placed in the 10-year plan.
3. All Transportation Alternative Set Aside (TASA) projects are treated as a grouped project and included in the State-wide grouped project in the FY 2021-2024 State TIP (STIP). The Corpus Christi MPO inserted the TxDOT Grouped Project Definition page with notes into the FY 2021-2024 TIP document.
4. US 181 and US 181 Ramp Reversal projects are kept in the FY 2021-2024 TIP for transparency and consistency as requested by the Corpus Christi MPO.
5. Insertion of the TxDOT eSTIP project list and financial summary table into the FY 2021-2024 TIP.
6. Future TASA/Category 9 projects are shown in Table 13b: FY 2021-2024 TIP Roll Forward with Prior Funding Project List with expected \$2.39 million funding. The Corpus Christi MPO will issue call for projects and once the projects are selected, these projects will be included in Table 13a: FY 2021-2024 TIP: Fiscally Constrained Project List.
7. Harbor Bridge Voluntary Relocation Project (MPO-008) – the Corpus Christi MPO is discussing with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and TxDOT to determine how to present this project's funding correctly. TxDOT eSTIP table shows the total project cost of \$57.3 million for this project as \$17.3 million (Category 7 funding) and a total of \$40 million as local contributions. The \$40 million is a total of \$20 million from the Port of Corpus Christi Authority as local contribution, and \$20 million of previous Category 7 funds. The eSTIP document is linked to the TxDOT financial information system and the numbers cannot be changed. However, there is no change in the current funding level (Category 7 \$17.3 million) and the total project cost (\$57.3 million). The

Corpus Christi MPO will present any detailed updates to the tables to the TPC if there are future technical correction needed.

Mayor Skurow made a motion to approve the recommended FY 2021-2024 TIP Amendment 1. Mr. Olivarez seconded; motion passed unanimously.

#### **B. FY 2021-2024 TIP Amendment 2**

Mr. MacDonald presented to the TPC the Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority (CCRTA)'s request to amend the FY 2021-2024 TIP and release the amendment for 30-day public comment period. The following requested amendments are due to the FTA funding increase and opportunities:

1. CCRTA-042: Total Project Cost increase from \$45,000 to \$90,000
2. CCRTA-051: Total Project Cost increase from \$862,645 to \$940,000
3. CCRTA-046: Funding Source change from FTA 5307 to FTA 5339
4. New project: Bus Support/Equipment & Facilities/Hardware/Software \$1,034,923 with FTA 5307 in 2021
5. New project: Park and Ride – Land \$1,100,000 with FTA 5307 in 2022
6. New project: Park and Ride – Land \$900,000 with FTA 5307 in 2023

Mayor Skurow made a motion to approve the release of CCRTA's proposed amendments on FY 2021-2024 TIP for 30-days public comment period. Mayor Guajardo seconded; motion passed unanimously.

#### **C. FY 2021 Safety Performance Measures (PM1) Targets**

Mr. Casper presented the FY 2021 Safety Performance Measures Targets. This is one of federal requirements and all MPOs are required to establish PM1 targets by either supporting State Department of Transportation (DOT) PM1 targets or creating its own PM1 targets. The Corpus Christi MPO supports TxDOT's Vision Zero goal in 2050 and set the target with 5-year rolling averages data from 2015 to 2019 in 5 areas:

1. Number of Fatal Crashes: 3 in 2045
2. Rate of Fatal Crashes per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT): 0.07 in 2045
3. Number of Serious Injury Crashes: 10 in 2045
4. Rate of Serious Injury Crashes per 100 million VMT: 0.22 in 2045
5. Number of Non-Motorized Fatal and Serious Injury Crashes: 3 in 2045

These targets are challenging, however; Vision Zero is also the City of Corpus Christi's goal and the Corpus Christi MPO will work closely with the local partner agencies to reduce the fatality and serious injury rate in the region.

Mr. Casper shared an interesting fact presented at the Transportation Research Board that the population of Australia is same as the population of Texas; However, the fatality rate in traffic accidents in Australia is 1/3 of Texas'. Australia's low fatality rate is attributed to lowering speed limits, implementation of automated traffic enforcement such as speed cameras, red light cameras, and setting high fines for traffic violations.

Mayor Guajardo made a motion to approve the Corpus Christi MPO's 2021 PM1 targets. Mr. Olivarez seconded; motion passed unanimously.

### **5. INFORMATION ONLY ITEM**

#### **A. Draft After-Action Report for the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), FY 2021-2024 TIP, and Congestion Management Process.**

Mr. Casper presented TPC members with the draft After Action Report (AAR) based on the survey results conducted last year. These findings will be incorporated into the development of 2050 MTP, FY 2023-2026 TIP, and CMP.

Two most critical areas identified for improvements are more effective communication and outreach and more data and better performance analysis tools.

Other identified important areas for improvement are:

1. Coordinating the public transit-human services transportation plan
2. Regional Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) architecture update
3. MTP/TIP financial plan using inflation rate that reflect “year of expenditure”
4. Public involvement in the transportation planning and decision making

Mr. Casper briefly explained how the Corpus Christi MPO will approach these areas.

The Regionally Coordinated Transportation Plan for the Coastal Bend was published in 2017 by Transportation Coordination Network (TCN) but it was never updated. The Corpus Christi MPO is in a discussion with TxDOT to develop the public transit-human service transportation plan.

Also, the Corpus Christi MPO will work closely with partner agencies to develop the ITS architecture for the region.

TxDOT implemented new inflation rates for project cost estimates and this will make the MTP/TIP financial development more realistic and reasonable.

The Corpus Christi MPO will update the Public Participation Plan (PPP) and Limited English Proficiency (LEP)/Title VI focus.

**6. Member Agency Statements for Items of Community Interest: Upcoming events or holidays and acknowledgements**

Mr. Olivarez thanked local governments for their support and cooperation during the historical winter storm. TxDOT Corpus Christi District staff worked diligently to protect the citizens under the unprecedented situation and only had one minor accident.

TPC members also expressed their appreciation for TxDOT Corpus Christi District for the immediate action to secure the roadways and prevent any major disaster happening during the winter storm.

**7. Upcoming Meetings:**

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| <b>A. Technical Advisory Committee:</b>    | <b>Regular Meeting:</b> | <b>March 18, 2021</b> |
| <b>B. Transportation Policy Committee:</b> | <b>Regular Meeting:</b> | <b>April 1, 2021</b>  |

**8. Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.